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Dining at the Angel and Plough - at last Dining indoors as well as outdoors has returned, and food service times are as follows:

The Angel
Monday to Saturday 12.00 to 2.30pm, and 5.30 to 8.30pm
Sunday 12.00 to 6.00pm

The Plough
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With effect from Tuesday 1st June, the outreach service will once again visit twice a week
Tuesdays from 10.00am - 12 noon
Thursdays from 1.00 - 3.00pm

LATITUDE

Festival Republic Managing Director Melvin Benn, who produced the Sefton Park Pilot, one of the shows in the Government's Event Research Programme (ERP), which has been operational for much of May, is confident that the reported tiny number of infections after all such events demonstrates that it is possible to stage festivals safely. He is involved in a second pilot show, this time a 10,000 person camping event at Donington Park, as part of the second phase of the ERP. He believes that Latitude will be able to run at full capacity from 22 - 25 July, with negative Covid tests a requirement of entry.

Wangford Churchyard

The weather may have held things back in our gardens, but the churchyard has been positively blooming, with a profusion of wildflowers which support a healthy insect population, especially the rare mining bees which live on the banks either side of the driveway.

Revd. Tom Gladwin, who alerted us to their existence a few years ago, reports that this year "the mining bees are about their mines in good numbers and evidently doing very well indeed. The flowers in the churchyard are important to them as they don't have to travel far to forage. The distances some birds and insects have to travel for food is an increasing problem as it means fewer visits to their nests and young".

Although the main areas of the churchyard have now been cut, the banks either side of the path are left until they've set seed to maintain the habitat for the bees, with wildflowers including buttercups, cow parsley, daisies, clover, vetches, speedwell, lady's bedstraw, green alkanet and lots of different grasses.

But sadly, spoiling the quiet beauty of this space, there are still some thoughtless and inconsiderate dog owners who do not clear up after their animals. A reminder - dogs must be on the lead at all times in the churchyard - and there is a black bin at the rear of the church for your use!



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Please continue to donate to the Lowestoft Food Bank. This can be done by leaving food with John and Jan Collins, 19 Lakeside Park Drive, Reydon or phoning 01502 725731.

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Help with delivery

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For more details please contact me on 578987.

Valerie Beckett

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And 45% of people aged over 16 in Norfolk and Waveney have received two doses compared to 38% of adults in England. This puts us fifth out of the 42 health and care systems.

Barber

Stewart Sharman's next visit will be on Wednesday 2nd June from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Community Centre.

If you need Stewart to make a home visit, please ring him on 01502 218838 to arrange for it on the same day. He is fully PPE compliant, and you will need to wear a face covering.

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JUNE'S TEAM LETTER

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour' Luke 1: 46f

Hopefully during the month of June, life will return much more to normal, as the restrictions due to the pandemic are eased. We should be able to stay over in people's houses and all hospitality, sports and arts venues are supposed to be open, perhaps even without social distancing. We may even be able to travel abroad. Finally, families who may not have seen each other for many months, if not over a year will be able to visit and stay in each other's houses.

It seems rather fitting that at the very end of May we celebrate the Feast Day of the Visitation, a day which is often overlooked in the church calendar, but has been a subject for artists down the ages. It marks the time when the Virgin Mary made the journey from Nazareth to her cousin Elizabeth in Ein Karem, a village a few miles outside Jerusalem. When Elizabeth saw Mary, the baby in her womb leapt for joy and she also recognised that Mary herself was also pregnant with Jesus. Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist and this wonderful meeting of pregnant women led Mary to proclaim the words of the Magnificat, 'My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'. The words of the Magnificat are said each day at Evening Prayer and have also been set to music by so many composers down the ages and sung at Evensong. It is likely that Mary stayed with Elizabeth until John was born and would have been present when Zachariah, John's father, declared that his new born son should be called John.

So, June hopefully will be a month of many family visitations. If social distancing is largely relaxed then families and friends will be able to embrace each other for the first time in over a year. New born children will be able to be held by their grandparents and there will be much joy in our land.

I know that the clergy in the Team are really looking forward to taking the many wedding services that were postponed from last year and families will come together to celebrate the joy of human love in marriage. There may not be any limit on the number of people who might attend such a service.

Also, in June for the first time congregations may be allowed to sing which for many of us has been one of the toughest parts of Christian worship restrictions during lockdown. So, if you have missed singing yourself I encourage you to attend a church service, probably after 21st June, when hopefully we will be able to sing the Lord's song after such a long time of silence.

May we all be uplifted and rejoice in our own visitations this month.

Rev. Alan



The Visitation from an Exhibition in St Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent.

News from Sotherton

St Andrew's

You are warmly invited to our service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am on Sunday 20th June.

News from Wangford Vets

We are now able to offer the majority of our usual services.

We are again able to offer vaccinations, and Pet Health Club six monthly checks may also be booked.

Opening hours remain 8.30am - 6.00pm on weekdays and Saturday 8.30am - midday. Our emergency phone line is still available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - 01502 578999.

Gents - get yourselves a haircut without leaving Wangford!



Did you know that barber Stewart Sharman visits Wangford Community Centre every 5 weeks?

He's here for 2 hours on certain Wednesday afternoons, and no appointment is necessary.

His June session is on Wednesday 2nd from 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Best of all, he only charges £8.00!

Give him a try.

News from Helen Hayes

Local music-for-health-and-wellbeing practitioner, Helen Hayes, is pleased to announce that following setting up Swell Music CIC back in August and with support from Adnams, East Suffolk Council, Suffolk Family Carers and The Seagull Theatre. Lowestoft, she is offering various opportunities starting at the end of June.

The Singing with Friends group for people who are affected by dementia will be taking place fortnightly at Holton Village Hall, alternating weekly with Waveney Skylarks (a Sing to Beat Parkinson's group). The Seagull's Music Appreciation Group for families living with dementia will be on the first Friday afternoon of the month and Waveney Skylarks (Sing to Beat Parkinson's) will be at The Seagull Theatre on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons of the month.

Helen is a Singing for Lung Health practitioner accredited by British Lung Foundation, and will be leading introductory courses at The Seagull starting in July. All activities are free and everyone is welcome.

Contact Helen at info@swellmusic.org.uk or call 07917 799456 if you would more information.

East Suffolk Council

Older Persons Housing Strategy

East Suffolk Council is conducting research to better understand the issues, barriers and challenges that guide the decisions residents make about their housing needs when they reach retirement age. To assist this work, a short survey has been prepared by our Housing Strategy and Enabling Team. You will find this on the Council's website www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk under the link [Older Person Housing Strategy Survey](#). All responses are anonymous and the whole survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The closing date is 5pm on Friday 9 July. Residents can request assistance to complete the survey, or a paper copy, by calling us on 0333 016 2000.

Respondents will also have the opportunity to discuss the results in small groups during the summer, either in person (with COVID safety protocols) or virtually.

As a thank you for your time, you may also put your name forward (this is kept separate from your survey responses to maintain anonymity) for a prize draw, with one lucky entrant winning £50 worth of shopping vouchers of their choice. The prize draw will be held on Monday 12 July and announced via social media and the Council's website.

The results from the survey will help guide the overall themes and policies of the strategy, and we very much look forward to hearing what you have to say. For more information, please [email the Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager](#) or call 01502 523 462.

News from Uggeshall

Uggeshall Country Teas

We will be going ahead with the Teas this year, albeit in a slightly different format which we will confirm at a later date. A COVID friendly re-arrangement of the Bric-a-Brac and yummy cakes is being arranged, government. Guidelines permitting.

It will be held as usual at The Old School Hall in Uggeshall on Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August between 11am and 5pm. Reserve these dates in your diaries. We will do our absolute best to ensure a clean, happy, safe space to come, whether you're a welcome customer or a volunteer. Entrance and car parking are free. This year we will be raising money for St Mary's Church in Uggeshall, Wrentham 1st Responders & Access Community Trust for the homeless..

Volunteers/helpers will be required again, so if anyone is interested in helping out this year - be it waitressing, washing up, baking cakes, clearing/setting up on one or both days or just generally helping in any capacity that you feel you can - please email:

Pearl Felgate: pearlfelgate@googlemail.com
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Old School Hall Bookings

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News from Wangford Church

As I write this, the latest set of lockdown-easing measures have just come into force and we continue to pray that these measures will cause no serious problems, and that the vaccine will help to improve things further next month.

The church is unaffected by the latest changes so we continue to worship together on a socially distant basis with face coverings worn, and hand sanitizer upon entry and exit. We thank everybody for their understanding regarding this. If all is well, we hope that we may be able to worship on a more relaxed basis with singing when the next government changes are announced for June 21st.

The church APCM was held in May and both myself and Jackie Casement were re-elected as Churchwardens. Please do contact us if you need any information about the church.

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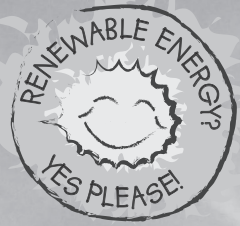
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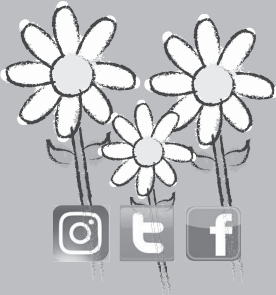
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ABRAHAM

Now the Archbishop of York wants to appoint a Chief of Staff who will be his "chief companion, support and critical friend for developing and refining his vision". Leaving aside that load of pompous gobbledygook, once more the Archbishop has ignored the Lord Jesus or any other incumbent clerics who I am sure would be delighted to him give the benefit of their wisdom and experience and in the process save the C of E £90,000. But here's a revolutionary thought; when in trouble or doubt, Your Most Reverend, try asking the person who likely knows you better than anyone - your wife and partner. She'll set you right.

In Benjamin Britten's lifetime and even after, the fact that he was homosexual permitted the nastier elements of society to assume that his inordinate interest in youngsters who participated in his compositions indicated that his behaviour towards them was unnatural and possibly perverted. This was nonsense. Any impropriety would have surfaced immediately but none ever did. Two of his boy singers went on to other (and greater?) things - Michael Crawford and David Hemmings. This is what Crawford wrote : "I cannot say enough about the kindness of that great man...he had a wonderful patience and affinity with young people. He loved music and loved youngsters caring about music". And this from David Hemmings : "Of all the people I have worked with, I count my relationship with Ben to have been one of the finest...And it was never, under any circumstances, threatening...there is no man in my entire life that has been more influential on my attitudes than Ben".

Our exercise bike lies next to the bookshelves in the kitchen and, in order to relieve the boredom of pedalling, I pass the time away reading. Moreover, my abject ignorance of artists has been alleviated slightly by viewing the hundreds of paintings in the Red House. One such artist is Harry Becker, who found inspiration almost exclusively in the agricultural landscape of East Anglia. He also illustrated the Adrian Bell trilogy - Corduroy, Silver Ley and The Cherry Tree. Reading the East Anglian Book it tells me that Becker settled at East Bergholt before eventually making his home at Wangford and that he died here in 1928. But....two additional sources inform me that when he finally returned to Suffolk, he settled originally at Wenhamston and then Darsham, where he remained until his death, at Ipswich Hospital on 10th September 1928. No connection with Wangford at all then. The wee village will not be denied, however. I also read that his wife and daughter were then taken under the wing of the Loftus family at Southwold and that, later, Georgina Maria Becker (nee Waddington - his wife) of Little Priory, Wangford, died at Southwold and District Hospital on 28 September 1957 and Margaret Janet, the daughter, wrote a History of Blythburgh. Remember, too, that Stanley Spencer married his first wife, Hilda Carline in Wangford Church in 1925.

Reading an anthology about the 'Auld Grey Toun' I was reminded about a few caravan holidays in the 50's at Kinkell Braes Caravan Park, which is just a wee bit out on the east side overlooking the town. This is where the successful crime writer Ian Rankin (from Bowhill, Cardenden) also spent his summer

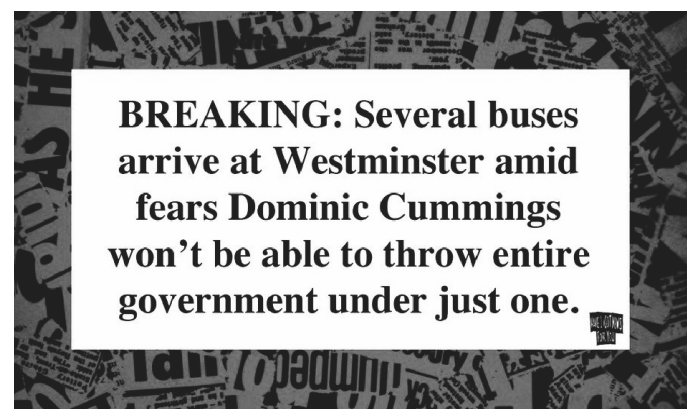
holidays from 1964 to 1970. He recalls the details more easily than I do. I was too young to appreciate the view from the braes, enhanced by the steeples of the many churches, only venturing down the steep, almost frightening, brae to buy chips or ice cream and sweets. Rankin tells us that when he moved back to Scotland in 1996 part of him fancied settling back in the Kingdom, thinking his wife might care to be domiciled in say, St Monans or Pittenweem. It was November, cold, gloomy and the streets were empty and his wife remarked something like: "Bit of a long way from anywhere". Now living in Edinburgh where his famous fictional policeman goes crime busting he finishes by informing us that the shop on the caravan park is still there where he went to buy comics and the family's Sunday Post where he would turn to the Merry Mac Fun Page and do his favourite picture puzzle, the puzzle that was called a 'rebus'.

Back in 2005, a wee while after we settled in this blessed plot, we needed an urgent repair to the house roof as water was entering quite badly. So I panicked and employed an alleged roofer from Wissett who, alas, did a botched job. I then decided to ask one of our local tradesmen who came immediately and sorted out the problem. From that expensive, salutary lesson I have learned that unless it is absolutely necessary there is no reason to leave the village for a first class job. We have the best within yards.

Not having much to do, and in the interests of research I have been indulging in a wee bit of daylight television (yes, yes, I know, I hear you say, I'm sure Mrs Abe can find you something worthwhile). Anyway, seeing that Dr Finlay has been showing I can't resist trying to spot the street scenes of old Muchty that I used to haunt.

And, in an episode of Lovejoy (again I hear you say, Lord help us), Charlotte Cavendish, the auctioneer, when asked to go and live in Paris with an iffy boyfriend, refused, uttering the marvellous words, "who needs Paris when we have Suffolk".

Abraham



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CHURCH SERVICES


Sunday 6th June		1st Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 13th June		2nd Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 20th June		3rd Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am	Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggheshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 27th June		4th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am	Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
6.00 pm	Uggheshall	Holy Communion (BCP)

In addition, for those unable to attend in person, all services from St Margaret's, Reydon are live-streamed via YouTube. Simply Google 'YouTube', and search for 'St Margaret's Reydon Parish Church'.

A Family Service is streamed via Zoom at 9.30 am on Sundays 6th, 13th and 20th


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The Grandpad project aims to tackle social isolation and loneliness, and to support clinically extremely vulnerable members of the community by enabling them to engage with their family, friends and community from the comfort and security of their home.

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